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SUBJECT: FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT THREATS TO THE CAP--

A MITTERRAND POST SCRIPT

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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, FRENCH REMAIN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO "PLOTS" AGAINST CAP--REAL OR IMAGINED.
SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER, FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, RECENTLY CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR FAILURE TO DEFEND CAP AGAINST AMERICANS. (IN FACT, HE WAS ATTACKING INVALIDATION BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTION OF SOCIALIST DEPUTY IN SECOND CIRCUMSCRIPTION OF GERS AND THREW IN CAP POINT FOR GOOD MEASURE.) THIS LITTLE INCIDENT IS OF INTEREST TO US PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE FURTHER CHARGES THAT US IS OUT TO WRECK CAP AS MTNS RESUME IN FALL AND DOMESTIC DEBATE ON EC ENLARGEMENT PICKS UP.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF MITTERRAND'S STATEMENT AS CARRIED BY AFP. BEGIN TEXT: "MR. FRANCOIS MITTERRAND WHO SPOKE OUT SUNDAY AT CONDOM (GERS) ON THE FRAMEWORK OF PARTIAL LEGISLATIVE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN OF AUGUST 20, REGRETTED MOREOVER THAT FRANCE IS MARKET THAT ONE PENETRATES AT WILL. WHEN I SEE AMERICANS, HE SAID, TRYING TO BREAK THE AGRICULTURAL COMMON MARKET BECAUSE OF SOYA EXPORTS, RUINING CORN MARKET, AND OPENING OUR EUROPEAN PRODUCTION TO UNIVERSAL FREE TRADE AREA, I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST STAND UP AGAINST THIS DISTORTION OF FRENCH ECONOMY OR PREPARE TO SEE IT ENSLAVED." END TEXT GAMMON

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